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SUBJECT: NON- MILITARY PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION (AFC)

1. AT LEAST TWO US CORRESPONDENTS HAVE RECENTLY RAISED
QUESTION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AS TO MEANING AND INTENT
OF ARTICLES 27, 28 AND 29 OF CHAPTER VII OF AFC CONCERNING
PUBLIC INFORMATION. CHIEF QUESTION IS WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
IN PUBLIC INFORMATION FIELD TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROVISIONS
IN TWO AND HALF YEARS OF AFC' S LIFE.

2. NEWSMEN HAVE ALSO SHOWN SPECIAL INTEREST IN
SIGNIFICANCE OF STATEMENT IN ARTICLE 28 THAT " IN ORDER
THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES MAY
DEVELOP A BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, BOTH GOVERNMENTS
... WILL MUTUALLY ASSIST THEIR RESPECTIVE INFORMATION MEDIA."
CONSIDERING CONTEXT IN WHICH QUESTIONS RAISED, APPARENT
THAT ONE OF NEWSMEN INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE ANGLE THAT
THIS PORVISION MIGHT BE INVOKED IN SEEKING GREATER
COOPERATION FROM US AND SPANISH SOURCES OR AS POSSIBLE
PROTECTION AGAINST SPANISH GOVERNMENT PRESSURES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY BACKGROUND ON INTENT OF
THESE PROVISIONS AND CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.
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COULD ALSO USE TALKING POINTS ON HOW THESE PROVISIONS
MIGHT AFFECT US MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN SPAIN, IF AT ALL.
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